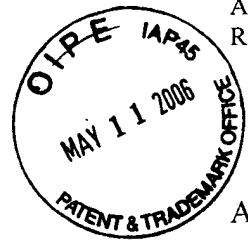


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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of May 2, 2006, for which a response is due on or before June 2, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and request reconsideration of the present application.